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**SUBJECT: Reconsideration request regarding the Commissions' preliminary ruling on
DOCKET NO. 2012-289-W Petition of Cliff Ridge Colony Homeowners
Association, Incorporated for Exemption from Regulation 103-702.7**

Dear Commission Members:

As homeowner and lot owners in Cliff Ridge Colony we have noted the Commission's preliminary ruling which favors granting this petition. Based on that initial finding, we would like to file a reconsideration request with the Commission.

In their petition for two exemptions the Cliff Ridge Board states:

"The singular exception to the required submissions is that the Association has not obtained a statement signed by each lot owner acknowledging that assessments for water services must be paid.....but as a second home community containing 284 lots, the signature requirement is oppressive. Importantly, only 87 of the 284 lots are currently improved with occupied residences that draw water from the system. Accordingly, only signatures of improved lot owners were pursued. Such signatures are attached."

In looking over the total number of such signatures obtained, we noted several homeowners signed the exemption twice thus making it appear that practically all 87 homeowners had signed. We believe a re-examination of the homeowner signature documents will reveal that at least 14 of us did not sign and do not agree with these exemptions.

Besides, our interpretation of the statute is that all 284 lot owners' signatures of Cliff Ridge should be obtained since this will affect their water rights in the long term. We own two lots in addition to our home and we have always had three votes on past issues. But two of our votes on this matter are dismissed because obtaining it would be "oppressive". What?

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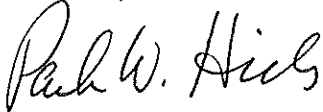
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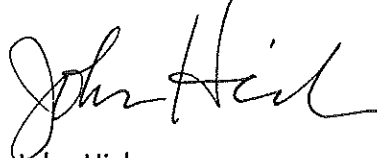
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We can certainly agree that the future of our water resource at Cliff Ridge is critical. We feel this issue should be resolved within our community with the transparency that all property owners and indeed the Commission itself, deserves.

Sincerely,



Paula Hicks



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Cc: William B. Swent
Board of Directors Cliff Ridge Colony